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OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1117

Wednesday, *the* *5th August 1942* / *20th Karkadagam 1117*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. Narayana Menon, Conservator of Forests and H. J. Walmesley, were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CENSUS REPORT—PUBLICATION OF

71. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state (*a*) when the Census report will be published;

(*b*) who is now in charge of the work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) The Census report is expected to be published early in 1118.

(*b*) Mr. B. V. K. Menon.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Can I get a little more definite information about the connotation of the word 1118—whether it refers to Chingam, Kanni or Thulam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is almost complete, I was told.

EXPENDITURE—PROPOSED EVACUATION OF THE SECRETARIAT

72. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government kindly state what expenditure was incurred by Government in connection with the proposed evacuation of the Huzur Secretariat to Trichur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Rs. 269—4—0.

THEFT OF PAPER FROM GOVERNMENT PRESS

73. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the note appeared in the "Mathrubhumi" on 2nd July 1942 that there has been theft in the quantity of paper stored in the Government Press, Ernakulam, is a fact;

(*b*) if so, the number and names of the accused in that case;

(*c*) the quantity of paper lost and the approximate price now;

(*d*) the quantity of types stolen, if any, from the beginning of 1113 up to the 1st of Karkadagam 1117 and the approximate price of the same;

(*e*) whether Government has made any improvement in the working of the Government Press to hereafter prevent thieves succeeding in getting Government types, paper and other stationery articles?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The matter is sub-judice.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer in (*a*).

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There are two or three items—quantity of paper lost, that is one; quantity of types stolen; quantity of other stationery articles stolen from the beginning of 1113 to 1117. May I know whether all these things are sub-judice, or only the paper affair?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We cannot say. Even with regard to paper, that will come out when the case is taken. We found one item of theft; we reported it to the police; they have charged the case. What all things will come out during the course of hearing in the court, we cannot say.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What I mean to say is whether the charge was in connection with the stealing of paper alone, or with regard to types also along with the paper?

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